Delhi Municipal Committee has decided not to auction the Jamun crop in future. The Social Welfare Department of the Delhi Administration has been approached by the NDMC for the removal of the beggars/nomads from its area.

Prior evaluation of scripts of the TV serials

3252. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to make a provision for prior evaluation of the scripts of the serials telecast through National Network ; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K.K. TEWARY) (a) and (b) The existing guidelines for approval of sponsored programmes for the National Network already provide for scrutiny of the scripts of the proposed serials by a Selection Committee consisting of two non-official and three official members.

Special Action Plan for Godchioroli district of Maharashtra

3253. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra have requested Government of India to assist in Special Action Plan for Godchioroli District and selected areas of Chandrapur Districts of Maharashtra ; and

(b) if so, what are the details and action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDARA KUMARI BAJPAI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State Government has proposed an investment of Rs. 195.34 crores phased over a period of four years, under the on-going schemes in different sectors of development such as Roads, Rural Electrification, Public Health, Agriculture and Irrigation, etc. in the Godchioroli district and selected areas of Chandrapur district. The State Govt. has been advised that they should approach the Planning Commission for enhanced allocation of funds during Eighth Plan under these sectors in view of the increased investments specially proposed for these areas.

Guidelines regarding early payment of their employees share Provident Funds

3254. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines regarding promptness in payment of their share to the Provident Funds ;

(b) whether Government have received any complaints by employees regarding non-payments/delayed payments by the management not only their own share but also employees' share to the Provident Fund Account and for utilising these funds in company's interest ; and

(c) whether Government plan to investigate into these mal-practices through their own Agencies ; if so, what are the details of such plans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA) : (a) Paragraph 38 of the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952 already provides for payment of employer as well as employees' share of provident fund contribu-

tion by the employer within 15 days of the close of every month.

(b) The Government has been receiving such complaints occasionally.

(c) All such complaints are looked into by the Provident Fund authorities and necessary legal and penal action is taken against the defaulters in accordance with the provisions of the EPF Act and the Scheme.

Removal of encroachments in Yamuna Vihar

3255. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 328 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 1989 and state :

(a) whether the Chief Engineer, DDA (Land Protection) in his letter No. DDA/CE/LP/1/85/182 dated the 7th August, 1985 had assured to clear the encroachment adjoining the Pockets C-10 and C-11 in the Yamuna Vihar Scheme, Delhi ;

(b) whether after about four years the Vice Chairman, DDA in his letter D.O. No. PA/VC/89/257-E dated the 24th April,1989 had further assured that the matter was being looked into ;

(c) whether there was a talk with the DDA Vice Chairman on the 23rd December, 1988 about erecting a wall between the encroachments and pockets C-10, C-11 and C-12 of Yamuna Vihar ; and

(d) if so, what is the progress in the matter as yet and also the steps to be taken in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Delhi Development Authority has desired knowledge.

(d) Programme for the removal of encroachment in Yamuna Vihar had been earlier fixed for 29-9-1988, 28-2-1989 and 7-3-1989. But it could not be materalised due to non-availability of Police Force. Delhi Development Authority has reported that the number of encroachment is very large and their removal in the near future may not be possible.

Purchase of jeeps and cars

3256. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the number of jeeps and cars purchased by his Ministry for official use in the Union Territory of Delhi in each of the last three years and also the average annual cost of purchased and of maintenance of such cars and jeeps ;

(b) the average expenditure on investment in purchase and on maintenance of such a car/jeeps in comparison to hiring of such vehicle/(car) ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that journey in a car is cheaper and safer than a jeep ; if so, whether Government propose to prefer use of a car than a jeep in urban areas for official purposes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.